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The Soviet UnionMilitary-Economic Report 6/7

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages1) Personnel Situation

(1) Astrakhan-NKRF announces that only 367 persons were included in specialist training instead of the anticipated 650.

The following training plans have been established for the third quarter for individual NKRF offices:

	<u>Beginning Courses</u>	<u>Continuation Courses</u>
Zvenigovo	50 persons	80 persons
Gorkij, Plant "Teplokhod"	80 persons	90 persons
Gorkij, Plant "Molotov"	70 persons	60 persons

(2) Astrakhan-NKRF reported to Moscow, Chief Directorate of the NK of the River Fleet, the following crew list for ships to be built:

	<u>Monthly Wages</u>		<u>Monthly Wages</u>
Captain	1,050 rubles	Chief Engineer	825 rubles
Chief Mate	675 "	First Assistant Engineer	550 "
Second Mate	550 "	Second Assistant Engineer	450 "
Third Mate	475 "	Senior member of the machine-technical personnel	340 "
First Steersman	330 "	2 men of machine- technical personnel, each	320 "
2 Steersman, each	310 "		
3 Able-bodied sea- men, each	230 "	2 Stokers, each	410 "
2 Ordinary seamen, each	210 "	Cook	275 "

(3) Crews of tow barges include:

Barge Captain	455 rubles
3 Sailors, each	216 rubles

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(4) Erevan received an order from Moscow to mobilize 300 men from the able-bodied population for a plant of the NK for the Mortar Industry.

(5) The NKRF Offices in Issyk-Kul and Rybacha are to submit a report to the Central Committee of the Union on the state of health of the children in the sanatoriums and summer youth camps.

2) Oil Supply

(6) According to messages of 15 July, shipping in Gorkij and Molotov is threatened with cessation because of a lack of fuel and lubrication material. Dock work in Molotov is threatened with cessation because of the same reasons.

(7) It is not clear whether these difficulties are the result of transportation problems or perhaps a lack of suitable fuel, since, for example, one message indicates that gasoline is being shipped. Kujbyshev-NKRF, namely, received three tons of "imported" gasoline.

(8) The July petroleum allotment for Ust-Usa consisted of one ton instead of the proposed tank car. Kujbyshev-NKRF received no July allotment for Saratov Oblast'.

(9) Stalingrad Oil Sales requires the signature of the Chief Directorate of Oil Supply as second confirmation of the July allotment and otherwise refuses shipment. This procedure is presumably to be considered as evidence of tightened controls.

(10) The Azerbajdzhan Oil Combine at Baku is to ship to Groznyj 90,000 tons of oil which may be mixed with water up to 6%. From August on the water mixture is not to exceed 4%. The following fuel and lubricant requirements, authorizations and allotments respectively thru subordinate NK's have been identified:

1. Requirements

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(11) Kujbyshev-NKRF	8 tons	Petroleum	-	for threshing work
(12) Gorkij	5	"	-	"
(13) Kineshma	3	"	-	"
(14) Kazan	3	"	-	"
(15) Erivan, NK for Procurement	21	Gasoline	-	for transport of harvest in August

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2. Authorizations

(16)	Kevsalinsk, Sovkhoz	1 ton	Oil	-	for August
(17)	Kujbyshev, Waterways Directorate	1000 tons	Mazut	Kujbyshev-NKRF	for July
(18)	Saratov, Waterways Directorate	500 "	"	"	"
(19)	West Kazakhstan, Waterways Directorate	50 "	"	Uralsk-NKRF	"
(20)	Moscow, Steamship Agency	1450 "	"	Gorkij-NKRF	-
(21)	Kalach-NKRF	10 "	Diesel oil	Stalingrad	for July
(22)	Kevsalinsk, Sovkhoz	11 "	"	-	for August
(23)	"	7 "	Petroleum	-	"
(24)	Kalach-NKRF	2.5 "	"	Stalingrad	for July
(25)	Stalingrad-NKRF	2 "	"	-	"
(26)	Kevsalinsk, Sovkhoz	3 "	Ligroin	Stalingrad	in July
		2 "	Gasoline		
(27)	Kalach-NKRF	1.5 "	"	"	"
(28)	Kujbyshev	5 "	"	-	"
(29)	Turkmen, Water Transport Base Chardzhou	50 "	Mazut	-	July allotments
		6 "	Petroleum		
		0.1ton	Gasoline		
(30)	Uzbekistan, Water Transport Base Chardzhou	5 "	Petroleum	-	"
		0.1ton	Gasoline		
(31)	Ilijsk-NKRF	5 "	Avtol	-	3rd quarter allotments
		1 ton	Machine Oil		
		1 "	Instrument Oil		
		1 "	Cylinder Oil		
		1 "	Viscosin		
		1 "	Solidol		

3) Timber Supply

(32) The firewood allotment for the second quarter for Kujbyshev Oblast' was cancelled. No allotment was mentioned for the third quarter. An allotment for Gorkij, Ivanovo and Chkalovsk Oblasti was refused.

(33) The allotment of 2000 cubic meters of firewood authorized for Uralsk-NKRF is not being carried out by the appropriate places, presumably for the same reasons as the cancellations mentioned above.

(34) In the second half of the year a forest area was made available to the Directorate of Military Supply of the NKVD in Stavropol for procuring 10,000 cubic meters of timber.

Planned figures for quantities of firewood and timber to be procured, transported and distributed to various NKRF offices for the third quarter:

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<u>NKRF Office</u>	<u>Planned Figure</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(35) Zvenigovo	5000 cbm. Firewood	to be procured
	3700 " "	to be transported
(36) Vujhyshev	1000 " "	"
(37) Yakutsk	30000 " "	for distribution in own area
(38) Ulan Ude	10000 " "	"
(39) Irkutsk, Water Trans- port Base	4000 " " 600 " "	to be procured to be transported
(40) Irkutsk	3000 " Timber	to be procured
	2000 " "	to be transported
	3000 " Firewood	to be procured
	900 " "	to be transported
(41) Novosibirsk, Water Transport Base	2000 " "	"
(42) Uralsk	2000 " "	to be procured
(43) Ust Usa, Water Trans- port Base	1000 " "	"
(44) Ust Usa	2000 " "	"

The following timber authorizations were identified:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(45) Novosibirsk, NK for Meat Products	3500 cbm.	Timber	Novosibirsk-NKRF	July plan
(46) Chkalovsk-NKRF	4000	"	-	-
(47) Gorkij, Sail Factory #5	2000	"	-	-
(48) Chistopol, Ship Re- pair Yard	171	Sawn Timber	Sawmill in Chistopol	-
(49) Omsk-NKRF	60000	Firewood	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply Omsk	-
(50) Waterways Directorate of the Irtysh Steam- ship Agency	5000	"	-	-
(51) Ufa-NKRF	10000	"	-	for 1943 navi- gation period
(52) Astrakhan-NKRF	5000	Building timber	Gorkij	-
(53) Kostroma, Shipyard	3000	"	Vytegra	-
(54) Molotov-NKRF	11000	Shipbuilding timber	-	-
(55) Gorkij-NKRF	9400	"	-	-
(56) Astrakhan-NKRF	9000	"	Kama Steamship Agency	-
"	2000	"	Middle Volga Steamship Agency	-
(57) Saratov, Ship Repair Yard	2500	"	-	-
(58) Middle Volga Steamship Agency	2960	"	-	-
(59) Stalingrad, Lower Volga Steamship Agency	960	"	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply Stalingrad	-
"	1270	"	Kamyshin	-

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(60) Astrakhan "Volgatanker"	3380 cbm.	Shipbuilding timber	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply Astrakhan	-
(61) Gurev, Ural Steamship Agency	1000	"	"	-
(62) Groznyj, Oil Supply	15 cars	Round timber	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply in Arkhangelsk	additional in July
(63) Chardzhou, Amu Darya Steamship Agency	10	"	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply Krasnoyarsk	for August
(64) Gorkij, Upper Volga Steamship Agency	1	Plywood	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply Kirov	-
(65) Chkalovsk-NKRF	4 cbm.	"	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply Gorkij	-
(66) Ufa, Ship Repair Yard "October Revo- lution"	5	"	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply Ufa	-
(67) Gorkij, Ship Repair Yard "25 October"	7 cars	Sawdust pack- ing	Chief Directorate for Timber Supply Gorkij	for August
(68) Mokhovye Gory, Ship Repair Yard "Teploknod"	4	"	"	"
(69) Bor, Plant "Makarev"	400 cbm.	"	"	-
(70) Bobrovsk, Ship Repair Yard	10 cars	"	Krasnoyarsk	for August
(71) Semipalatinsk, Ship Repair Yard	3	"	"	"

4) Production and Construction

(72) New production competitions have now been announced for the second half year which have the object of fulfilling the total year's plan by 5 December. The "Dinamo" Plant in Moscow will be set up as an example. NKRF enterprises in Gorkij and the shipyard in Baturino shall emulate this example. Special production for the front will be the goal beginning in August.

(73) From a message to Stalingrad-NKRF it has been determined that Admiral Galler has been assigned to more extensive clearance work at the Stalingrad River Port.

(74) According to plan, Irkutsk-NKRF is to build 50 self-propelled ships and three tow-barges for the NK of the Fish Industry. The deadline for delivery has been postponed to 1 July 1944. 20 of the 50 motorships are to receive wooden hulls.

(75) At the shipyards in Astrakhan construction work on the wooden ships is to be undertaken next and the work on the motorships will be postponed until August and September.

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(76) In order to protect the wooden flatboats during the winter, earthworks consisting of 170,000 cubic meters will be erected at the Krasnoyarsk River Port.

(77) Credits authorized for the third quarter give information on the size and construction activity at the following NKRF enterprises:

	<u>For Procurement of Material</u>	<u>For Procurement of Fuel</u>	<u>For Procurement of Parts</u>
Gorkij-NKRF	2.20 million rubles	1.05 million rubles	1.20 million rubles
Molotov-NKRF	1.85 " "	0.65 " "	1.00 " "
Ufa-NKRF	0.35 " "	---	0.18 " "
Kirov-NKRF	0.30 " "	---	0.12 " "

(78) Equipment from the evacuated oil enterprises are located in Khodzeli, on which the NKRF workshops have extensive repair work to perform.

(79) Ufa and Kujbyshev NKRF have received an order to assure fulfillment of the established plan figures by 1 August.

(80) Moreover, in order to tighten control of the production of parts at Kujbyshev-NKRF, at all enterprises a daily accounting will be made of hourly production. At Chardzhou-NKRF 11 motorships are removed from service daily due to boiler cleaning operations and repair work. This figure is many times over the norm. Administrative personnel and engineers at the shipyards are directed to inject themselves personally into practical work in order to speed up the tempo of work.

(81) The NKRF Plant "Dzerzhinskij" in Molotov received a rail connection. Identified authorizations and allotments for machines and construction material:

(82) The ship repair plants in Krasnoyarsk and Novosibirsk each received 5 gasoline motors from the River Fleet Supply Office in Molotov.

(83) The Construction Materials Sales Office in Ararat is to deliver according to plan 83 carloads of cement to organizations of the NK for Transportation.

(84) Vladimirovka-NKRF received 30 tons of tar from Gorkij.

(85) The Water Transport Base in Gorkij received 1.5 tons of chalk from the local River Fleet Supply Office.

(86) Astrakhan, "Volgatanker" received from Gorkij 1 ton of tin plate and 1 ton of nails. Chistopol-NKRF received 0.6 ton of nails.

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(87) For superior production in June the industrial enterprises of the NKRF in Molotov received a State bonus of 15,000 rubles.

(88) Newly identified plants:

Plant #26 of the NK for the Aviation Industry, location unknown;

Sail Plant #5 of the NK for Light Industry in Gorkij;

Plant "Teplokhod" in Mokhovye Gory (21 km NW or N of Gorkij), possibly identical to Plant "Teplokhod" in Gorkij;

Plant "Makarev" in Bor (10 km NE of Gorkij);

Plant #11, probably in Gorkij Oblast';

Plant #154, probably in Andizhan (260 km ESE of Tashkent);

Plant "Kaganovich" in Klyuchevskaya (135 km W of Sverdlovsk);

Plants # 112, 237, 389, 394, 587, 754 and Plants A and AB, locations unknown.

5) Transport Situation

(89) According to the plan, Semipalatinsk-NKRF should complete a turnover of 2,000 tons every 24 hours, but on the following dates turned over only the tonnages indicated:

11 July	700 tons
12 "	800 "
13 "	500 "
14 "	900 " (?)
15 "	800 "

(90) In order to assure fulfillment of the July transport plan Stalingrad-NKRF must also achieve an especially high turnover during the third quarter of July as follows:

Salt	70,000 tons
Fish	5,000 "
Coal	5,000 "
Metals	30,000 "
Freight	17,000 "

(91) According to a message of 22 July from Moscow, the rapid development of industry and agriculture in Omsk Oblast' resulted in a significant growth of transport. NKRF authorities in Semipalatinsk have, therefore, been directed to expedite completion of all shipping under repair.

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(92) Large piles of freight have also accumulated along the "Moscow-Volga-Canal", a result of poor preparation and dispatch of ships in Gorkij and Rybinsk.

(93) More offices of the NK for the River Fleet have complained about the poor condition of incoming floating timber. Responsible offices must be directed to remedy the situation immediately - otherwise, large quantities of timber will be lost en route.

(94) The following transport plan has been established for Ulan-Ude in August:

Salt	1,300 tons	(0.5 million ton-kilometers)
Shipborne timber	1,400 tons	(0.6 million ton-kilometers)
Coal	400 tons	(0.1 million ton-kilometers)
Fish	400 tons	(0.2 million ton-kilometers)
Live beef	6,500 tons	(1.2 million ton-kilometers)
Other freight	4,200 tons	(1.1 million ton-kilometers)

6) Miscellaneous

(95) A message of 22 July established for the first time that there is a military deputy at Plant "Teplokhod" in Gorkij.

(96) A message to Ust-Usa NKRF mentions an expedition "Goldstein" which must be supplied with provisions and all necessities. The expedition's point of departure is evidently Ust-Usa.

7) Civil Air Fleet

(97) The Chief of the Civil Air Fleet, Asarov, mentioned in Military-Economic Report 3/7, holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

(98) New units of the Civil Air Fleet identified:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sigun Group	Baku (?)	---
"Raketa" (Cover name)	Yakutsk	The 1st deputy of the Chief of the Department of Operations is Major Maidenko.

(99) The following units of the Civil Air Fleet have been newly confirmed:

Pantelli Group	Tashkent	
Trutaev Regiment	Astrakhan	
	- up to present	The possibility exists that the entire Regiment has been transferred from Astrakhan to Troekurovo near Lebedyan (57 km NE of Elets). Confirmation of this transfer is yet to be made.

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Zolotov Group
Sulimov Group

Starobelsk
Kazan (?)
- up to present

Proposed transfer.

(100) The following training units of the Civil Air Fleet have been identified:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Flying school	Issyk-Kul	
School (probably a flying school)	Kupino	(Kupino 250 km ESE of Omsk)
Flying School	Pushkino	(Pushkino 30 km NNE of Moscow) Received aircraft types UT II and UT I for training purposes.
Training squadron	Novosibirsk	

(101) The number of students in the training squadrons at Baku has increased.

Radio operators are being trained in Tashkent for replacement on the front.

(102) The following workshops and aircraft repair bases have been mentioned for the first time:

Aircraft Repair Base	ARB 0645
" Workshop	ARM 15 in Aktyubinsk
" "	" 26
" "	" 602
Repair Workshops in Krasnodar.	

(103) Recently confirmed:

Aircraft Repair Base 406, formerly in Aktyubinsk, possibly transferred.
" " Workshop ARM 33.

(104) There have been many messages referring to shortages of fuel in the Civil Air Fleet. The Klusson Group cannot carry out assigned tasks because of a lack of fuel. Aircraft cannot be supplied with fuel at the airfields at Kutaisi, Sukhumi, Mineralnye Vody, Krasnodar and Aktyubinsk. It is to be noted that most of these communications originate from airfields in the Caucasus where the supply of fuel must be guaranteed earlier than anywhere else.

(105) The airfield at Teheran reports that many passengers there with special freight cannot be accommodated on the normal flight plan. Teheran has requested Moscow to schedule extra craft. The Civil Air Fleet Directorate in Ashkhabad complains that the local Ore Directorate in Ashkhabad is not forwarding their cargos to the

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Darvaz airfield (250 km N of Ashkhabad), and as a result the transport of these cargos has dropped 50% in the last three days.

(106) Aircraft flying between Baku and Moscow proposed an intermediate stop in Makhach Kala. Air transport service from Saratov will be established to Voronezh, Zimovniki (205 km E of Rostov) and Rostov-on-Don. In the first ten-day period of July 218, 112 kilograms of sulfur were transported from Ashkhabad to unspecified destinations. Planes of the Civil Air Fleet are carrying the cover designation "Kremlin" for special purposes (dispatch of certain persons and freight).

(107) A large flight of aircraft departed for the USA on 19 and 20 July. On 10 July Oreshkin, Kozhevnikov and Kozmin left for Fairbanks, Alaska. According to our files, Kozmin belongs to the High Command of the Civil Air Fleet.

(108) A message of 21 July inquires about the number of aircraft type C-47 which had been flown from Nome (Alaska) to Yakutsk up thru 20 July.